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SUBJ: NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL ON OSCILLOSCOPES - IL 1584

REFS: A) COCOM DOC.DEF (76) 1584/L TO 13, B) STATE 128-
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1. COUNTERPROPOSAL IN REF B WAS SUBMITTED JUNE 6 AS DEF (76) 1584/13 AND DISCUSSED AT REGULAR MEETING THE NEXT DAY. NETHERLANDS DEL HAD BEEN INFORMED OF IT ON DAY OF SUBMISSION AND HAD BEEN ABLE TO OBTAIN HIS AUTHORITIES' REACTION BY TELEPHONE, BUT OTHER DELS WERE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS.

2.INTRODUCTION OF US COUNTERPROPOSAL,AFTER MANY MONTHS' DELAY, WAS WELCOMED BY MOST DELS, HOWEVER. POINTS QUESTIONED WERE:

A) INTRODUCTION OF SEPARATE CLASSIFICATIONS FOR MONOLITHIC AND MODULAR SCOPES,

B) REASONS FOR US PROPOSAL OF 150 MHZ RATHER THAN 200 MHZ PREFERRED BY MAJORITY OF COMMITTEE, AND

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C) REASONS FOR NARROWING AE TREATMENT TO THOSE SCOPES COVERED BY SUBITEM (A) (1).

3. U.S. EXPERT MYERS WAS ABLE TO CLARIFY THESE POINTS TO SOME EXTENT, ALTHOUGH NETHERLANDS AND SOME OTHER DELS ASKED FURTHER EXPLANATION. AFTER CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION, NETHERLANDS DEL EXPRESSED STRONG PREFER-

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ENCE FOR 200 MHZ CUTOFF; IN THIS HE WAS SUPPORTED BY
FRENCH AND GERMANS. (REGULAR UKDEL, WHO IN EARLIER DIS-
CUSSIONS HAD FORCEFULLY VOICED HIS AUTHORITIES' PREFER-
ENCE FOR 200 MHZ, WAS ABSENT AND HIS SUBSTITUTE WAS
NOT FAMILIAR WITH THE NEGOTIATING RECORD.) THESE DELS
ALL BELIEVED 150 MHZ INADEQUATE, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF
FACT THAT OUR COUNTERPROPOSAL WOULD KEEP 100 MHZ CUTOFF
FOR MODULAR SCOPES.

4. AT THIS POINT USDEL, DRAWING ON AUTHORITY CONVEYED
IN PARAGRAPH 2 OF REF B, OFFERED TO RAISE THE CUTOFF
FOR MONOLITHIC SCOPES TO 180 MHZ. MYERS EXPLAINED
THAT 200 MHZ WOULD BE OF CONCERN EVEN FOR MONOLITHIC
SCOPES DUE TO POSSIBILITY OF USE IN SERVICING COMPUTERS
MADE IN PROSCRIBED COUNTRIES AND FOR OTHER STRATEGIC
APPLICATIONS. USDEL UNDERTOOK TO TABLE WITHIN A FEW
MONTHS DEFINITIVE STATEMENT OF OUR REASONING FOR THE
MONOLITHIC VS MODULAR DISTINCTION.

5. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION, NETHERLANDS DEL AGREED TO US
PROPOSAL WITH 180 MHZ CUTOFF FOR MONOLITHIC SCOPES,
BUT ON THE UNDERSTANDING FOR THE RECORD THAT THIS WAS
AN INTERIM MEASURE TAKEN IN INTEREST OF PROGRESS AND
DID NOT IMPLY FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF DISTINCTION DRAWN BY
US BETWEEN MONOLITHIC AND MODULAR SCOPES. HE ALSO MADE
CLEAR THAT HE WOULD EXPECT A MORE COMPLETE REDEFINITION
PROPOSAL FROM THE US FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THE STUDY
TO WHICH OUR STATEMENT REFERRED (PARA 3 OF REF B),
IN NO EVENT LATER THAN START OF NEW LIST REVIEW. HE
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SUGGESTED THAT OTHER DELS ACCEPT US PROPOSAL WITH THESE
PROVISOS. GERMAN DEL, WHILE INDICATING THAT HE COULD
ACCEPT 180 MHZ CUTOFF, RESERVED HIS POSITION ON SEPA-
RATE TREATMENT FOR MONOLITHIC AND MODULAR SCOPES.
FRENCH AND OTHER DELS (EXCEPT DUTCH) RESERVED ON EN-
TIRE US PROPOSAL. FRENCH DEL SUGGESTED THAT IF COM-
MITTEE ACCEPTED IT, THIS SHOULD BE DONE WITH TIME LIM-
IT OF SIX MONTHS, WHICH WOULD BE AUTOMATICALLY RENEW-
ED IF NO DELEGATION HAD DIFFICULTIES WITH THE NEW FOR-
MULA. MATTER WILL BE DISCUSSED AGAIN ON JUNE 14.

6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT USDEL BE SUPPLIED AS SOON
AS POSSIBLE WITH DEFINITION OF MONOLITHIC AND MODULAR
SCOPES AND COMPLETE STATEMENT OF OUR STRATEGIC CONCERNS
ABOUT THEM; AND THAT EDAC SPEED COMPLETION OF STUDY
ON MODULAR SCOPES. KATZ

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